

**THE DOUGLAS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
50th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING**

AGENDA AND NOTES

Date: Monday, August 20, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: UM Biological Station – Gates Lecture Hall

Agenda Item	Discussion
Call to Order/Opening – Holly Gedert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and welcomed all in attendance. • All who participated in the preparation of the Annual Meeting were thanked. • Special thanks to the UMBS staff and helpers, who assisted in preparations and setup for the meeting. • DLIA expressed appreciation for the opportunity to meet once again in the Gates Lecture Hall.
News from the Biological Station – Dr. Knute Nadelhoffer, Professor; Director of UMBS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Knute Nadelhoffer, who was away from UMBS on a one year sabbatical, expressed he was glad to be back at UMBS. • UMBS, as part of a large, public university, focuses on “service:” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To students, who receive a world-class science education. ○ To research; UMBS currently has twenty-eight grants that support the research and the delivery of science-related education. ○ To the greater community; lake associations, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, organizations focused on the quality and protection of Michigan lakes and streams, e.g., Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council (TOMWC), Little Traverse Conservancy, and others. • Visitors are always welcome and encouraged to explore the station and to take advantage of the summer lecture series.
Fisheries: Great Lakes research, inland lakes projects, recent walleye release – Kevin Donner, Great Lakes Fisheries Program Manager, Fisheries Program, Natural Resources Department, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTTB) – Introduced by Mary Ellen Sheridan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K. Donner presented historical information on tribes in northern Michigan, including an 1835 Michigan map that detailed tribal land. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The 1836 Treaty of Washington (Article 13) between the U.S. Government and the Odawa and Chippewa Indian Tribes (five tribes) of northern Lower Peninsula and the eastern portion of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, ceded territory to the U.S, but established the right of the Tribes to retain usual provision of occupancy (hunt, fish, trap, and gather natural resources). ○ Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority, an organization formed by the tribes, is an inter-tribal management body for the 1836 Treaty, and was specifically developed to regulate, enhance and strengthen the habitat of Michigan fisheries. • The Fisheries Program collects biological data and includes assessing important fish species, monitoring tribal commercial harvest, and enhancing and studying the resources of the Great Lakes. • Various lakes in the region are stocked by the Tribes. • Release/stocking protocol includes communication with Michigan DNR, who communicates with lake associations. The communication to the DLIA re: the recent walleye release was inadvertently omitted. • Documents available for distribution: Water Quality Report, Little Traverse Bay Area Artesian Wells and Springs, circle map of local lakes with recommended weekly fish consumption.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Walleye release: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 21,690 2 inch walleye fingerlings were released into Douglas Lake on 06/27/18. A total of 43,175 fingerlings have been released in one to two lakes per year since 2013. ○ The fingerlings were propagated in the LTTB ponds on the Cheboygan River. ○ Released at night to prevent seagulls from devouring the fingerlings as they are being released. ○ Recent release is an experiment and the stocking success will be monitored and measured. ○ It is not expected that the walleye and pike population in the lake will be problematic.
Maple River Dam Removal Update – Adam Schubel, UMBS Resident Biologist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1905 - Original dam built. ● 1952 – Earthen embankment failed. ● Sediment traps and coffer dam will be installed to reduce the amount of sediment flowing in the river. ● Sea lampreys, a parasitic fish, have been found in the Maple River below the dam. Sterilization of male lampreys may control the sea lamprey population. ● Dam removal funding provided by: U.S. Fisheries and Wildlife, MiDNR, and private funds. ● The Conservation Resource Alliance (CRA) is overseeing the project, which seeks to restore the river, and improve the habitat for fish and other wildlife.
Shoreline Stewardship – Eli Baker, Education and Outreach, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The “MI Shoreland Stewards program is a statewide program developed to recognize lakeshore property owners who protect their lake through good shoreland management practices.” ● Best management practices can be assessed by completing the online questionnaire at www.mishorelandstewards.org. Tips on improving shoreland to protect the lake are also available.
Minutes of the 2017 Meeting – Joan Hartwig	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No corrections; approved as submitted.
Treasurer’s Report –Susan Klaas (see attached)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DLIA financial position is very good. Total cash assets as of 08/21/18 – \$77,952.28 ● Approximately \$50,000 in CDs is designated for “emergencies,” (invasive species, etc.) ● 2019 DLIA budget has been approved by the Executive Board. ● 2018 UMBS scholarship recipient - Adam Kamps from Grand Rapids, MI. ● Report filed for review.
President’s Report – Holly Gedert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Two terms as President are at an end, and I appreciate how much the members care about Douglas Lake – its history, current conditions, and its future. ● A few highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2014 – Linda Orlow and her news team dazzled us with a new newsletter format. ○ 2015 – New updated logo, designed by member, Nancy Rabitoy of Better Direction. ○ 2016 – John Kurkjian reached his record-breaking fundraising goal of \$18,000 in ad sales for the 2017 directory. ○ 2017 – Local business MCG Web Development upgraded our website so it can be viewed from any device – desktop computer, laptop, iPad, Fire, cell phones. ○ 2017 – Rich Gedert’s Loon Camera gave us up close views of loons nesting, from which we learn more about habits, and outcomes. It helps with loon preservation and education. ○ 2017 – DLIA 50th Anniversary. A commemorative booklet, which will include a collection of information about how we came together, and what we did over a 50-year period, is almost complete. Articles

	<p>were written by several people, photographs were submitted, and hopefully we will have the booklets by the end of September. The booklet will be a gift to our members, as gratitude for your support and volunteer hours through the years, and will be given to new members in future years. Extra copies will be sold to family members, friends, and visitors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial support and volunteer support are vital to the operations of DLIA, and saves the Association a lot of money. • Help keep our environment beautiful by helping the DLIA maintain its mission. • “If you’re happy with the whole, don’t complain about the parts.” (Engraved on a UMBS cabin wall) • It’s been an honor to be President of DLIA.
<p>Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Summary - Mary Ellen Sheridan • Loon Nesting Program – Ruth Thompson (for Dave Thompson) • Clean Boats/Clean Waters – Pete Klaas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental/TOMWC (Bill Foster) – Line 5 Update, “Independent Risk Analysis of Straits Pipelines, Draft Report,” released 08/19/18, is available on the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council website. • Membership (Gwen Kuehn) – Database contains 355 (households) members. • Merchandise – Holly Gedert will continue as chair for another year. • Due to ice on lake into April, nesting program had its slowest start since 2004. • Nests placed on Maple Bay, North Fishtail, South Fishtail (moved to Marl Bay) and Nuttings Bay. • Loons nested on Maple Bay, North Fishtail, and Marl Bay. Eventually all hatched at least one chick. • Three healthy chicks recently seen on the lake. • Negatives – One adult loon found dead on the shoreline, and one juvenile loon recently found dead. • Thanks to Rich Gedert, Paul Nows, and Jim Hodgson for their involvement. • Boats and trailers at the DLB ramp appear to be clean, with boaters being supportive of the TOMWC project to Clean+Dry+Drain, every time boats are in and out of the lake. • There is a free DNR boat wash station on Paradise Lake. • No invasive aquatic plants found in Douglas Lake this year. • Occasional water sampling has occurred this year, with only native species found.
Unfinished Business	No unfinished business
New Business	No new business
Election of Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary) – Holly Gedert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda Alexander, Chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the Board approved slate: Mary Ellen Sheridan for President; Marilyn Kelemen for Vice President; Barbara Huey for Secretary. • No nominations from the floor. • Elected by acclamation: Mary Ellen Sheridan as President, Marilyn Kelemen as Vice President, Barbara Huey as Secretary.
Introductions, Appointments and Changes – Holly Gedert	None presented.
Gifts – Mary Ellen Sheridan, assisted by Marilyn Kelemen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holly Gedert was presented with a plaque recognizing her four years as DLIA President.

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Closing Remarks – Holly Gedert	Holly thanked all past and current DLIA members and volunteers, and to all attending the meeting. She also reminded everyone to support the businesses advertised in the DLIA Directory.
Adjournment	Motion made by Linda Orlow; seconded by Gwen Kuehn to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.
Minutes Submitted by: Joan Hartwig, Secretary	